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Application Serial No. 09/465,016) Group Art Unit: 1731
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Communication mailed May 2, 2003, and further in reply to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002. The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Substitute Amendment (21 pages, numbered 1-20 and 32); and
- ☒ Appendix to Substitute Amendment (4 pages).

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

Applicants file this Substitute Amendment in reply to the Office Communication mailed May 2, 2003, and further in reply to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Delete page 1 in its entirety.

Page 6, lines 5-10, amend the paragraph, as follows:

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